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Form 10-300
(Rev. 6-72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries complete applicable sections)

STATE: Virginia
COUNTY: Norfolk (city)
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Boush-Tazewell House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
6225 Powhatan Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Norfolk

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Second (G. William Whitehurst)

STATE:
Virginia

CODE:
51

COUNTY:
(city)

CODE:
710

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work In progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____
Comments: _____ _____			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mrs. Arthur Gardner

STREET AND NUMBER:
12 Riverside Drive

CITY OR TOWN:
Princeton

STATE:
New Jersey

CODE:
34

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
City Hall

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Norfolk

STATE:
Virginia

CODE:
51

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory

DATE OF SURVEY: 1958

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE:
D. C.

CODE:
11

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Boush-Tazewell House is a large Late-Georgian town mansion located in the suburban area of Norfolk on a lot overlooking the Elizabeth River. The house originally stood about three miles to the south in downtown Norfolk on a similar site overlooking the harbor. It was completely dismantled and re-erected around 1902. The move was carefully undertaken-most of the original materials, as well as some later additions, were preserved.

The two-story frame house is five bays wide and two bays deep and is covered by a deck-on-hip slate roof. The balustrade that enclosed the deck does not survive. The east or water front is dominated by a two-level, tetrastyle pedimented portico supported by slender Tuscan columns on both levels. The west or land front features a dwarf pedimented tetrastyle portico sheltering the entrance. Both porticos as well as the eaves are ornamented with modillion cornices. The first floor windows have nine-over-nine light sashes while those on the second floor have six-over-six sashes. The original exterior shutters have been removed and placed in storage. The central door on the river front has sidelights and a transom above but the land front entrance has only a transom. The present weatherboards are not original; the originals probably were beaded.

Two interior chimneys are on each side of the house. Both sides have a two-story, two-bay wing which are later additions. Each of the wings has on its river front a one-story Greek Revival porch supported on square columns. The south porch is glazed to form a conservatory.

The main house has a typical center hall plan with the hall flanked by pairs of rooms. On the south are two parlors while the library is located in the northwest corner and the dining room in the northeast corner. Separating the library and dining room is a wide elliptical arch with richly ornamented architrave trim. Set in the arch is an unusual set of folding doors which are original. The bookcases in the library formerly were located in a library outbuilding when the house was on its original site. They were placed in their present location when the house was moved.

The central hall features a less ornamented elliptical arch than that between the north rooms. At the east end of the hall is the original stair with its slender base-and-column balusters and molded handrail. The walls and ceilings throughout are plastered. The wide board floors are original, but those in the dining room have been overlaid with a later one. The two marble mantels as well as several doorways are mid-nineteenth century additions.

The first floor plan is repeated on the second floor except that the four bedrooms are slightly reduced in size in order to provide for a narrow north-south cross hall that leads to the two wings. Except for the one in the northeast chamber, all the second floor mantels are mid-nineteenth century. The north wing contains the kitchen with servants' quarters above. The south wing has a single large room on the first floor that serves as a conservatory. Above are additional bedrooms.

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Except for some changes in woodwork the house is little altered. Electricity was installed in 1913 and baths in 1914. The house is structurally sound and currently is undergoing a major renovation.

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1783-84

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Boush-Tazewell House survives as an outstanding and rare example of a formal, Late-Georgian town mansion, and is associated with several prominent Virginians. The house was erected in 1783-84 for John Boush, grandson of Samuel Boush, first mayor of the Borough of Norfolk. John Boush was active in civic affairs serving as Clerk of the Norfolk Court and Alderman of the Norfolk Borough. He later was elected mayor of the city and also held the positions of Clerk of the Navy Board of War and State Auditor. His house was the first important private residence erected in the city since its devastation during the Revolution.

Following Boush's death in 1791 the house was inherited by his second wife, Frances Moseley Munford Boush, who later married Conway Whittle, Norfolk merchant and importer. In 1810 the house was acquired from Whittle by Littleton Waller Tazewell (1775-1860). A native of Williamsburg, Tazewell was a nephew of the first Mrs. John Boush, Anne Waller, daughter of Judge Benjamin Waller of Williamsburg. In 1812 Tazewell married Anne Stratton Nivision, eldest daughter of John Nivison, Recorder of the Borough of Norfolk and one of the founders of the Phi Beta Kappa Society.

Littleton Waller Tazewell is remembered for his distinguished career in both state and national affairs. He represented James City County in the House of Delegates from 1796 to 1800. In the latter year he replaced John Marshall in the House of Representatives after Marshall was appointed Chief Justice. Tazewell also served as Judge Advocate in the Court of Enquiry concerning the Chesapeake Affair in 1807. In 1817 he served with former Presidents Jefferson and Madison as one of the Commissioners to select the site of the University of Virginia. From 1824 to 1832 he was United States Senator from Virginia, and in 1834 he was elected Governor of Virginia. While he lived in Norfolk his house was visited by such notables as Lafayette, Henry Clay, John Tyler, Andrew Jackson, and John Randolph of Roanoke.

Following Tazewell's death in 1860 his family continued to occupy the house until 1894 when it was bought by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Clarico Freeman. The Freeman's decided the house should be moved as the neighborhood had become highly commercialized and undesirable as a residential area. A contractor named Emory was employed to carefully dismantle the house and re-erect it on its present site. The new site, some three miles to the north, at the mouth of the Lafayette River, was chosen for its similarity to the original which overlooked the harbor.

Like the Boushes and the Tazewells, Mrs. Freeman was a descendant of

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the Waller family of Williamsburg. Born Emma Blow, she was the granddaughter of George Blow, Sr. of Tower Hill, Sussex County, who married Eliza Waller, daughter of Robert Hall Waller of Williamsburg. The present owner of the Boush-Tazewell House is the granddaughter of Mrs. and Mrs. Freeman.

Although moved, the Boush-Tazewell House stands little altered since it was first erected. Among its outstanding architectural features are its two-level portico (an early use of this form), its carefully proportioned elevations, and fine interior woodwork.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

H. B. Grisby, Discourse on the Life and Character of Governor Tazewell.
 Colonel W. H. Stewart, History of Norfolk County, Virginia and Representative Citizens, p. 586.
 Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission files.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	<i>Degrees Minutes Seconds</i>	<i>Degrees Minutes Seconds</i>		<i>Degrees Minutes Seconds</i>	<i>Degrees Minutes Seconds</i>	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		36° 53' 53"	76° 18' 49"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than an acre.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Staff

ORGANIZATION: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission DATE: January, 1974

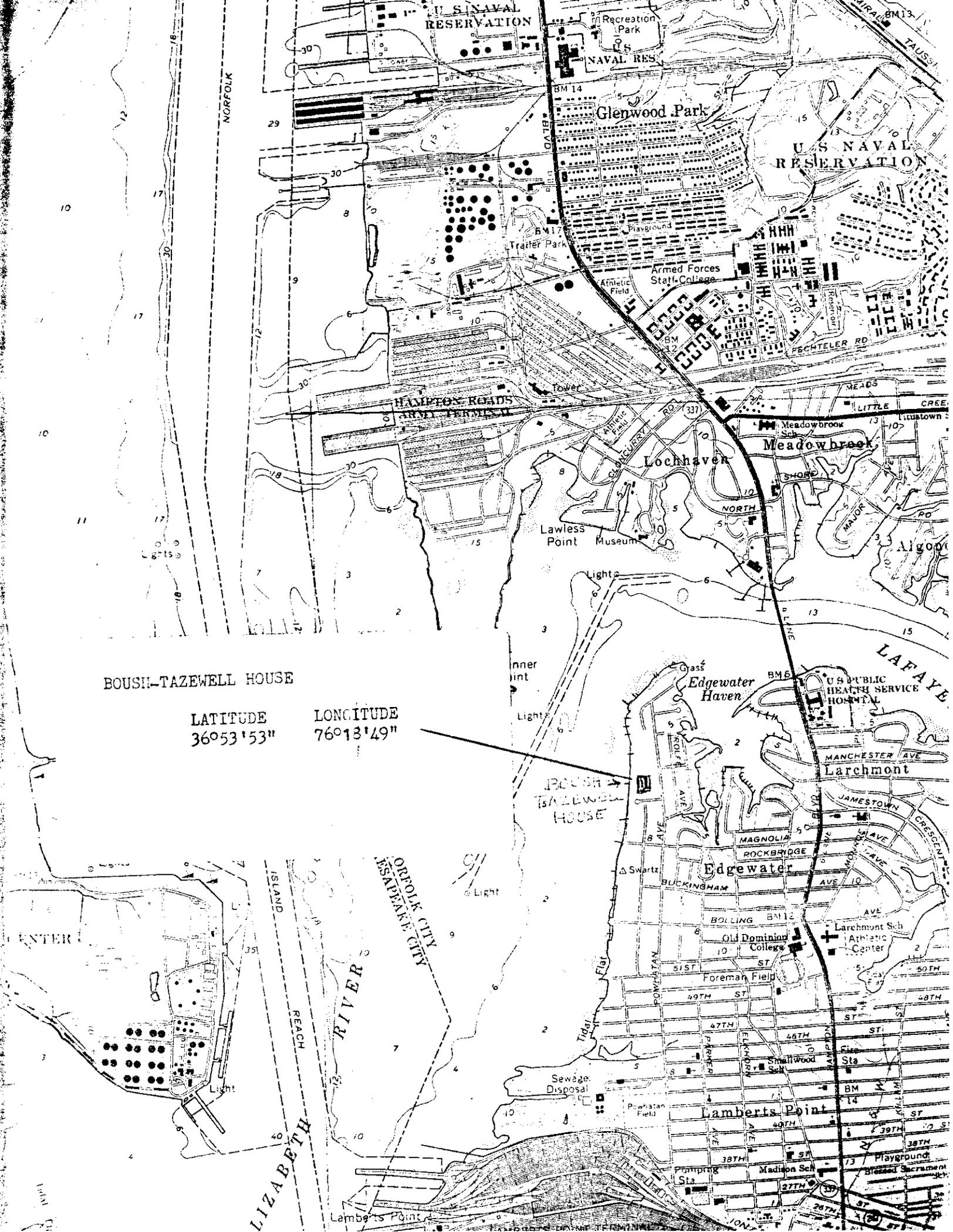
STREET AND NUMBER:
221 Governor Street

CITY OR TOWN: Richmond STATE: Virginia CODE: 51

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

<p>As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name _____ <u>Junius R. Fishburne, Jr., Director</u> <u>Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission</u> Title _____</p> <p>Date _____</p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p>_____ Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date _____</p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p>_____ Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date _____</p>
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BOUSH-TAZEWELL HOUSE

LATITUDE
36°53'53"

LONGITUDE
76°13'49"

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ORFOLK CITY
JESAPAKE CITY

LIZABETH

LAFAYE

U.S. NAVAL RESERVATION

Glenwood Park

HAMPTON ROADS
ARMY TERMINAL

Lochhaven

Meadowbrook

Edgewater Haven

Larchmont

Edgewater

Lamberts Point

U.S. NAVAL RESERVATION

NAVAL RES

Armed Forces
Staff College

U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE
HOSPITAL

Sewage Disposal

Madison Sch

Blessed Sacrament

ENTER

NORFOLK

TAUSS

FECHTELER RD

MEADOWS
LITTLE CREEK

MAJOR

Algonquin

Lawless Point Museum

Light

Inner Point

Light

Swartz

Buckingham

Foreman Field

47TH ST

46TH ST

45TH ST

44TH ST

43TH ST

Old Dominion College

Smallwood Sch

48TH ST

49TH ST

50TH ST

51ST ST

52ND ST

Larchmont Sch Athletic Center

53RD ST

54TH ST

55TH ST

56TH ST

57TH ST

58TH ST

JAMESTOWN

CRENSHAW

59TH ST

60TH ST

61ST ST

62ND ST

63RD ST

64TH ST

65TH ST

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